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(b) Does not arise.

Pay Scale of University/College Teachers

1482. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the starting salary of a college or a university lecturer is lesser than the starting total emoluments of a fourth grade employee of the Central Government;

(b) what steps are being taken to introduce the proposed new scale of pay for the college and university teachers; and

(c) what is the proposed subsidy, if any, to be given to the State Governments to meet the additional expenditure on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir. According to the revised scales of pay, the pay of a lecturer is Rs. 2200—4000 while that of a Group D employee in the Central Government is Rs. 750—940.

(b) and (c) The revised scales of pay have been implemented by the Central Universities from 1-1-1986. These have also been communicated to the State Governments for consideration and adoption. The State Governments have also been offered financial assistance to the extent of 80 per cent of the additional expenditure involved in the implementation of the revised scales for the period 1-1-1986 to 31-3-1990.

Profit and ed by AIR India

1483. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what the profit earned by Air India (i) year 1986-87; (ii) from 1st ril 1987 to 31st December, 1987 (iii) from 1st April, 1986 to 31st December, 1986;

(b) on which of the routes Air India has earned profits and on which ones it incurred losses during the year 1986-87 and in the current year for the period ended 31st December, 1987; and

(c) what action Air India has taken or propose to take to eliminate or reduce the losses?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) During the year 1986-87, Air India earned a net profit of Rs. 30.16 crores. From 1st April, 1987 to 31st December, 1987 Air India has incurred a net loss of Rs. 27.34 crores. During the period April, 1986 to 31st December, 1986, Air India had earned a net profit of Rs. 22.94 crores.

(b) During the year 1986-87, Air India earned surplus over cash cost on 15 out of 18 routes operated. The only route in which there was a cash loss was India/Zimbabwe During the period April, 1987 to December, 1987, 17 out of 18 routes have earned surplus over cash costs. The only route which did not meet the cash costs was the India/Bangladesh route.

(c) To improve the performance of Air India the following steps have been taken:—

1. intensify marketing activity and improvement of product.